GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6007
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Increase in NDRF Battalions
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has sought to increase its battalions from its present strength of 12 to 20 battalions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the NDRF has also sought approval for creation of its own dedicated aviation wing and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NDRF is increasing its presence along side the military which is still the predominant rescue and relief operation agency in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)
(a) Any increase in the number of Battalions is determined keeping in mind various factors such as requirement, availability of funds and manpower, training capacity, battalion infrastructure, etc.
(b) No Madam.
(c) and (d) No Madam. In compliance of Section 44 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has been raised in the year 2006 for the purpose of specialized response to disasters or disaster like situations.

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